

acquitted of responsibility. We continued the established diplomatic relations with the government in power until it was overthrown, and promptly and cordially recognized the new government when it was established. The good offices of the government were offered to bring about peaceful adjustment, and the interposition of Mr. Egan to mitigate severities and to shelter adherents of the Congressional party were effective and frequent. The charge against Admiral Brown is too base to gain credence with any one who knows his high personal and professional character.

#### SEVERAL DISTINCT ASSAULTS.

Recurring to the evidence of our sailors, I think it is shown that there were several distinct assaults, and so nearly simultaneous as to show that they did not spread from one point. A press summary of the report of the fiscal shows that the evidence of the Chilean officer was in conflict, as to the place of origin, several places being named by different witnesses as to the locality where the first outbreak occurred. This, if correctly reported, shows that they were several distinct outbreaks, and so nearly at the same time as to cause this confusion.

The officers and men of Capt. Jenkins' ship furnish the most conclusive testimony as to the indignities which were practiced towards Americans in Valparaiso.

When American sailors, even if merchant ships, can only secure their safety by denying their nationality, it must be time to readjust our relations with a government that permits such demonstrations.

#### DRAWN WITH A LASSO.

As to the participation of the police, the evidence of our sailors shows that our men were struck and beaten by police officers before and after arrest, and that one at least was dragged with a lasso about his neck by a mounted policeman. That the death of Rigin was a result of a rifle shot fired by a policeman or soldier on duty is shown directly by the testimony of Johnson, in whose arms he was at the time, and by the evidence of Charles Langen, an American sailor, not then a member of the Baltimore's crew, who stood close by and saw the transaction. The Chilean authorities do not pretend to fix the responsibility of this shot upon any particular person, but avow their inability to ascertain who fired it, further than it was fired from a crowd.

The character of the wounds described by one of the surgeons of the Baltimore clearly supports his opinion that it was made by a rifle ball, the office of exit being as much as an inch or an inch and a quarter in width. When shot the poor fellow was unconscious and in the arms of a comrade, who was endeavoring to carry him to a neighboring drug store for treatment. The story of the police that in coming up the street they passed these men, and left them behind them, is inconsistent with their own statement as to the direction of their approach and with their duty to protect them, and is clearly disproved. In fact, Rigin was not behind, but in front of the advancing force, and was not standing in the crowd, but was unconscious and supported in the arms of Johnson when he was shot.

The following is the concluding part of the President's message:

#### UNDIPLOMATIC AND INSULTING.

In the same note attention of the Chilean government was called to the offensive character of a note addressed by Mr. Matta, its minister of foreign affairs, to Mr. Montt, its minister at this capital, on the 11th ult. This dispatch was not officially communicated to this government, but as Mr. Montt was directed to translate it and give it to the press of this country, it seemed to me that it could not pass without official notice. It was not only undiplomatic, but grossly insulting to our naval officers and to the executive department, as it directly imputed untruth and insincerity to the reports of the naval officers and to the official communications made by the executive department to Congress. It will be observed that I have notified the Chilean government that unless this note is at once withdrawn and an apology as public as the offense made I will terminate diplomatic relations. The request for the recall of Mr. Egan, upon the ground that he was not *persona grata*, was unaccompanied by any suggestion that could properly be used in support of it, and I infer that the request is based upon official acts of Mr. Egan which have received the approval of this government. But, however that may be, I could not consent to consider such a question until it had first been settled whether our correspondence with Chile could be conducted upon a basis of mutual respect.

#### DEMANDS OUGHT TO BE ENFORCED.

In submitting these papers to Congress for that grave and patriotic consideration which the question involved demand, I desire to say that I am of the opinion that the demands made of Chile by this government should be adhered to and enforced. If the dignity as well as the prestige and influence of the United States are not to be wholly sacrificed we must protect those, who in foreign ports, display the flag or wear the colors of this government against insult, brutality and death, inflicted in resentment of the acts of their government, and not for any fault of their own. It has been my desire in every way to cultivate friendly and intimate relations with all the governments of this hemisphere. We desire peace and prosperity. It must, however, be understood that this government, while exercising the utmost forbearance towards weaker powers, will extend its strong and adequate protection to its citizens, to its officers and to its humblest sailor, when made the victims of wantonness and cruelty and resentment, not of their personal misconduct but of the official acts of their government.

#### ATTACK UPON SHIELDS.

Upon information received that Patrick Shields, an Irishman and probably a British subject, but at the time, a fireman of the American steamer Keeweenaw, in the harbor of Valparaiso for repairs, had been subjected to personal injuries in that city largely by the police, I directed the attorney general to cause the evidence of the officers and crew of the vessel to be taken upon its arrival in San Francisco; and that testimony is also herewith transmitted. The brutality and even savagery of the treatment of these poor men by the Chilean police, would be incredible if the evidence of Shields was not supported by other direct testimony and by the distressing condition of the man himself when he was finally able to reach his vessel. The captain of the vessel says:

"He came back a wreck; black from his neck to his hips from beating, weak and stupid, and is still in a kind of paralyzed condition and has never been able to do duty since."

A claim for reparation has been made in behalf of this man, for while he was not a citizen of the United States the doctrine so long held by us, as expressed in the consular regulations is: "The

principles which are maintained by this government in regard to the protection as distinguished from the relief of seamen are well settled. It is held that the circumstance that the vessel is American is evidence that the seamen on board are such; and in every regularly documented merchant vessel the crew will find their protection in the flag that covers them." I have as yet received no reply to our note of the 21st instant, but in my opinion, I ought not to delay longer to bring these matters to the attention of Congress for such action as may be deemed appropriate.

(Signed.)

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

Executive Mansion, January 25, 1892.

#### THE OFFENSIVE NOTE

OF Minister Matta—Full Text of a Singular Document.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The correspondence which accompanies the message is voluminous. Most of it is familiar to readers of the daily press, but the following insulting note is of interest. It is in reply to Minister Egan's inquiry:

SANTIAGO, Oct. 27, 1891.

SIR:—The undersigned received yesterday the note in which Your Excellency, under date of the 26th inst., complying with instructions received from your government, gives an account of the deplorable events which took place on the 16th, and, after relating the result reached by commission of the officers and commander of the cruiser Baltimore, expresses opinions, formulates commands and makes threats which, while not contradicted with acrimony, are not accepted, nor can they be accepted, by this government in the present case, nor in any other of a similar nature.

The undersigned does not doubt nor does he protest against the sincerity, rectitude and ability of the investigations made in reference to the lamentable occurrence between some American sailors and some Chilean sailors and boatmen, but in the performance of his duty and in compliance with international requirements and usages, which has never been questioned by cultured nations, he defers and will defer to the jurisdiction of the authorities of his own country, which alone have full right and sufficient power to judge and punish the guilty ones, whoever they may be and wherever they may be found on Chilean territory.

The event occurred in Valparaiso, and from the day it took place the administrative and judicial authorities respectively have occupied themselves in discovering the persons who were to blame, and who should be punished in the very deplorable event, which has not yet been examined and judged.

#### TWO POINTS REQUIRING AN ANSWER.

Inasmuch as the undersigned believes that in the position he holds it is his precise and decided obligation, as it is his desire, to cultivate good relations, not only with friendly nations, but with their distinguished and authorized representatives, he does not take into consideration the form given by the minister plenipotentiary to the complaints and protests contained in some parts of his note, and proceeds to answer the only two points in it which require an answer, in order that matters may remain in the position and in the light that corresponds to them.

After the disorder which occurred between American sailors and Chilean citizens, and which caused the deaths and wounds referred to in Your Excellency's note, the competent authorities began the necessary investigations in order to establish who were the responsible parties and how they should be punished, and regarding this investigation the commander of the Baltimore must have received notice or have had some knowledge, since on the 22d or 23d of the present month, according to a copy existing in the archives of this office, directed in a note to the intendents of Valparaiso by the Judge of Crimes, which was sent by him to the commander of the Baltimore, in virtue of instructions received under date of the 19th.

#### THE SECRET PROCEDURE.

The judicial investigation of the facts, which in our procedure has the name "sumario," and is kept secret up to a certain point, when it is made public, has not yet reached me, and for this reason this department is not in possession of nor can it transmit a knowledge of the crimes and of the criminals which may be the result of this investigation.

As soon as this reaches its final point, be the conclusions what they may regarding the culpability and the guilty parties, the undersigned—who does not recognize any other legitimate authority for the judging of criminal occurrences in Chilean territory than that established by the people of Chile—will have the honor and the obligation to communicate it to the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, whose government and whose people have never disregarded, nor ever will disregard in other countries with which they maintain friendly relations, the prerogatives and rights of sovereignty, which nowhere are more evident or of greater application than in the exercise of that jurisdiction which corresponds to every independent nation.

While awaiting the moment he may know and make known the result of the examination relative to the occurrence and to the guilty ones of the 16th inst., without acknowledging that the disorders in the streets of Valparaiso and the silence observed by the department "shall appear as the expression of ill will toward the government of the United States, which may endanger the maintenance of the friendly relations between the two countries," the undersigned has the honor to reiterate to the envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary his distinguished consideration, etc., etc.

M. A. MATTA.

This is the note which the government of the United States regards as offensive. Its particularly irritating expression is in the first paragraph. The clause "not contradicted with acrimony" is assumed to imply an intended falsification by the United States officials of the circumstances of the assault.

#### NOT DIPLOMATIC.

Matta's Second Offense—An Astonishing Piece of Effrontery.

December 13th was broached one of the gravest issues in the case, which is still open in the shape of the Matta note to Chilean ministers abroad. Mr. Egan says in his telegram that this was sent to the Chilean minister at Washington with the sanction of the president, was read in the senate and published in all the Chilean papers.

Its text in full is as follows: "Having read the portion of the report of the Secretary of the Navy and of the message of the President of the United States, I think proper to inform you that the statements on which both report and message are based are erroneous and deliberately incorrect. With respect to the persons to whom an asylum has been granted they have never been threatened with cruel treatment,

nor has it been sought to remove them from the legation, nor has their surrender been asked for. Never has the house or the person of the plenipotentiary, notwithstanding indiscretions and deliberate provocations, been subjected to any offence, as is provided by the eleven notes of September, October and November.

#### THE LIE GIVEN.

"With respect to the seamen of the Baltimore, there is, moreover, no exactness nor sincerity in what is said at Washington. The occurrence took place in a bad neighborhood of this city, the maintop of Valparaiso and among people who are not models of discretion and temperance. When the police and other forces interfered and calmed the tumult, there were already several hundred people on the ground, and it was ten squares or more from the place where it had begun.

"Mr. Egan sent, on the 26th of October, a note that was aggressive in purpose and virulent in language, as is seen by the copy and the note written in reply on the 27th.

"On the 18th the preliminary examination had already been commenced; it has been delayed owing to the non-appearance of the officers of the Baltimore and owing to undue pretensions and refusals of Mr. Egan himself. No provocation has ever been accepted or initiated by this department. Its attitude, which it has ever been one of firmness and prudence, has never been one of aggressiveness, nor will it ever be one of humiliation, whatever may be or has been said at Washington by those who are interested in justifying their conduct or who are blinded by erroneous views.

#### MORE INSULTS.

"The telegrams, notes and letters which have been sent to you contain the truth, the whole truth, in connection with what has taken place in these matters, in which ill-will and the consequent words and pretensions have not emanated from this department. Mr. Tracy and Mr. Harrison have been led into error in respect to our people and government; the instructions (recommending impartiality and friendship) have not been complied with, neither now nor before. If no official complaint has been made against the minister and the naval officers, it is because the facts, public and notorious, both in Chile and the United States, could not, although they were well proved, be urged by our confidential agents. Proof of this is furnished by the demands of Valparaiso and the concessions made in June and July, the whole of the case, the San Francisco at Quintero, and the cable companies. The statement that the North American seamen were attacked in various localities at the same time is deliberately incorrect.

"As the preliminary examination is not yet concluded, it is not yet known who and how many the guilty parties are. You no doubt have the note of November 9th, written in reply to Minister Egan, in which I request him to furnish testimony which he would not give, although he had said that he had evidence showing who the murderer was and who the other guilty parties of the 16th of October were. That and all other notes will be published here. You will publish a translation of them in the United States. Deny in the meantime everything that does not agree with these statements. We feel confident of your exactness as we do of the right, the dignity, and the final success of Chile, notwithstanding the intrigues which proceed from so low (a source) and the threats which comes from so high (a source)."

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